(b) if so, the reasons for not yet shifting all the OPDs to the new block; and

(c) the steps taken to shift OPDs in the new block and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The construction of the right and left wings of the OPD Phase-III is completed. However, the CPWD has not yet handed over the building for want of clearances for occupation from the statutory Departments.

Deficient Staff in SJ Hospital

4744. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Safdarjung Hospital (SJH), Delhi is deficient of doctors and its Neurosurgery Department has only one consultant;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to fill up the vacant posts of doctors; and

(c) the number of patients died/suffered for want of doctors during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Due to the instructions of the Government, the Department of Personnel and Training *vide* their O.M. No. 2/8/2001-PIC dated 16.05.2001, prescribing a limit that the Direct Recruitment can be resorted only against 1/3rd of the vacancies arising in a year subject to a further ceiling of 1% of the total sanctioned strength, this Department was not in a position to fill up all the posts of doctors in various Government hospitals including the posts in Safdarjung

Hospital. As it was found difficult to apply these instructions for vacancies in health Sector, Department of Health took the matter at the highest level seeking exemption of technical/scientific posts from the purview of the DOPT instructions dated 16.05.2001 so that the shortage of manpower is met. The Government has recently approved exemption of certain technical/scientific posts from the purview of DOPT's O.M. No. 2/8/2001-PIC dated 16.05.2001. As per rules, these posts of doctors are filled by selection through Union Public Service Commission for which requisitions have already been made. As regards, Neurosurgery Department of Safdarjung Hospital, two Neurosurgeons are in position

(c) Safdarjung Hospital provides tertiary care facilities to large section of patients not only from Delhi but also from other parts of the country. However, some deaths do occur which are attributed to serious diseases. There is however, no negligence in providing medical treatment to the patients.

Population Explosion

4745. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by 2050, India will overtake Chinese populations per the UN's 2004 revision of the world population prospects released in February, 2005;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India and China, would account for 50 per cent of world's population by 2050;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to control population in the Country; and

(d) the fertility rate in the country during the last fifteen years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As per World Population Prospects of the UN, 2004 Revision, population of India will overtake that